

January 16, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter so that I may give my support to the settlement that has been reached between the Microsoft Corporation and the Department of Justice. For well over two years, the American economy has been doing poorly, Americans have been losing their jobs and now we are in a recession. The antitrust suit against Microsoft has had a bad affect on our economy.

Microsoft has been extremely beneficial to America, but for the past several years they have had to spend their time and resources on legal battles with their own government. Microsoft has been responsible for providing jobs to thousands of people, donating millions of dollars to charities, and simplifying the American computing industry. It seems to me that government interferes too much with business. Competition and capitalism are good for Americans and the American economy. Forcing a corporation to turnover their intellectual property is not right. The government should not force Microsoft or any other company to share what they develop.

The case against Microsoft should be settled immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Nottonson", written over a horizontal line.

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